13.   (Amended)   A system of claim 12, wherein at least one of the ports comprises a GPS receiver for defining a geographic position of the user.

14.   (Amended)   A system for providing position information regarding one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

a database for storing information about the items of interest, the information including, for each of the items of interest, at least one associated category and spatial detail defining a geographic position; and

a communications link for connecting the database to a plurality of ports remotely situated from the database, wherein a user at one of the ports can identify the geographic position of one or more items of interest in a selected category via inputs at the ports.

18.   (Amended) A method of generating position information of items of interest to users of the Internet, comprising the steps of:

storing spatial detail defining position information for one or more of the items of interest within a database connected to the Internet, and

providing information representative of the position information to one of a plurality of remote ports connected to the database in response to user requests at the one remote port.

19.   (Amended)   A method of claim 18, wherein the step of providing comprises generating a map at the one remote port wherein the position information is displayed graphically to the user.

24.   (Amended)   A method for determining the position of one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

storing information about the items of interest in a database, the information including, for each of the items of interest, at least one associated category and spatial detail defining a geographic position; and

supplying information about at least one of the items of interest to one of a plurality of ports, connected to the database at least in part through the Internet, in response to inputs at the one port, wherein a user at the port may locate the one item of interest.

26. (Amended) A method of claim 24, further comprising the step of hierarchically displaying geographical information at the one port in response to user inputs at the port.

Included herein is a separate marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The separate page is captioned, "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Also included on a separate page is a clean set of all pending claims, marked, "CLEAN SET OF PENDING CLAIMS".